

Claims:

- 5 1. An extended release gepirone hydrochloride pharmaceutical formulation for oral administration comprising cellulosic polymer matrix as 70 to 85 wt%, carbohydrate binder as 7 to 10 wt% and gepirone hydrochloride as 13 to 21 wt%.
- 10 2. The pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 1, wherein the cellulosic polymer matrix is a hydroxymethyl propylcellulose having a viscosity of 15,000 cps to 100,000 cps.
- 15 3. The pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 1, comprising Avicel pH 101.
4. A method for treating a central nervous system disorder comprising administering an effective amount of a once-a-
20 day extended release oral formulation of gepirone hydrochloride according to claim 1.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the central nervous system disorder is depression.